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Persons With Disabilities: Issues in Health Care Financing and Service Delivery

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Summary: This newly available book contains a
selection of five years of HCFA-funded re-search
conducted by a consortium of organizations led
by Lewin-VHI, Inc. and including Brookings, Duke
University, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.,
the Johns Hopkins University, the Urban Institute,
DataChron and the MEDSTAT Group. Earlier
versions of the research published in the volume
were pre-sented at a 1994 conference sponsored
by the Brookings Institution with support from
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In Part I, Health Care Financing Administration
administrator Bruce Vladeck reviews the progress
of the past ten years and presents an agenda for
future action.

Part II deals with public and private roles in
financing long-term care. Lisa Alecxih and Steve
Lutsky analyze the rapidly growing market for
private long-term care insurance, focusing on
whether government should play a greater role in
its regulation. Brian Burwell and William Crown
focus on Medicaid estate planning.

Part III of the volume presents quantitative esti-
mates of the use of and expenditures for acute
and long-term care services. Lisa Alecxih, John
Corea and David Kennell examine health care
expenditures for those with and without disabili-
ties. In a related chapter, Kenneth Manton and
Eric Stallard track trends in Medicare utilization
and expenditures for persons with disabilities.
Judith Kasper analyzes the effect of cognitive
impairment, such as Alzheimer's disease, on the
use of physician and hospital services. In addi-
tion, Joshua Wiener, Catherine Sullivan and Lisa
Alecxih estimate out-of-pocket expenditures for
nursing home care now and in the future.

The book's final section deals with the public
policy efforts over the last decade to expand
noninstitutional long-term care services. Korbin
Liu, Jean Hanson and Teresa Coughlin analyze
why some persons who met the disability eligibil-
ity criteria for Connecticut's home care program
did not receive services. Sharon Long explores
whether the provision of paid home and commu-
nity-based services supplements or displaces
informal care provided by family and friends.
Jennifer Shore reports on the huge geographic
variation in the use of the Medicare home health
benefit. And finally, Joshua Wiener and Catherine
Sullivan synthesize the available policy research
on the younger population with disabilities.



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